(c) Though no specific target has been set for achieving complete literacy amongst adults, it is expected that approximately 75-80% of the districts would have been covered by total literacy campaigns and the literacy rate in the country would increase to around 70% by the end of the 8th Five Year Plan.

Vacant Posts in the Kendriya Vidyalayas in Assam

1450. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it a fact that in the Kendriya Vidyalaysas in Assam many posts of teachers are lying vacant; and

(b) If so, the number thereof and by when these are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Regular teachers could not be posted against the following posts :—

Post Graduate Teachers	36
Tra ined Graduate Teachers	33
Primary Teachers	58
Miscellaneous	31

The creation and filling up of vacancies is a continous process as vacancies keep arising from time to time, and getting filled. However, the local Vidyalaya Management Committes are empowred to fill up vacant posts temporarily With adhoc teachers.

Filling up of Vacant Posts in Kendriya Vidyalayas in Assam

1451. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that in the Kendriya Vidyalayas in Assam, some posts are not filled up permanently and only temporary arrangements are made ;

(b) Whether it is also a fact that even for such temporary jobs, the local telants are not given opportunity; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) As per provision contained in the Education Code of Kendriya Vidyalayas, the adhoc arrangements of teachers are made in Kendriya Vidyalayas on temporary basis till regular incumbents become available. As per rules. the names of adhoc teachers are sponsored only by local Employment Exchange and selection made locally.

Financial Requirements of Colleges in Bihar

1452. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has assessed the financial requirements of the colleges in Bihar during the Eighth Plan period ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government propose to fulfil all the financial requirements of the colleges in Bihar during the plan ; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (d) Colleges are generally established by voluntary agencies, Trusts or State Governments and their development requirements are met primarily by these agencies. UGC provides development grants to eligible colleges , within the resources available to the Commission, for purchase of books, journals and equipment, appointment of staff and construction of academic and hostel buildings. according to cetrtain prescribed norms. The Commission has examined the proposals received from eligible colleges in Bihar for development assistance during the 8th Plan but has not taken a final decision on the quantum of assistance to be provided.

Prohibitive Prices of Books

1453. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent World Book fair held in Delhi, the books in English language dominated the scene ;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to encourage publishers in India to bring out more than books in regional languages ;